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Examiner: McCray, P.

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF POLYMERIC ABSORBENTS

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is
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    - ☐ is attached.
    - ☐ was already filed.
  - ☒ other than a small entity.

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Examiner Zalukaeva is thanked for confirming by telephone January 17, 2001, that the Amendment and its Transmittal of October 29, 2001, in response the Action of May 29, 2001, has not been received.

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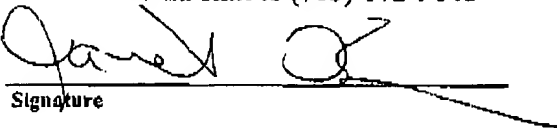
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Copies of the Amendment and Transmittal are attached.

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## RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

In the response to the Office Action of May 29, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-17 and replace with new claims 18-44:

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